

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating purchases of gift items that are made available for purchase from a host server, comprising the steps of:

a) retrieving at least a set of names of potential gift recipients from an address book maintained on a client machine; and

b) combining into a selection form at the a-client machine one or more gift items available through the host server and the set of names of the potential gift recipients; and

c) forwarding to the host server a portion of the address book contents which concerns the set of names after the names have been combined into the selection form.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, including the additional step of enabling a user at the client machine to associate gift items with potential gift recipients and thereby define a set of intended gift recipients.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, including the additional step of enabling the user at the client machine to associate a message with a potential gift recipient.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the message is entered by the user.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein plural messages can be entered by the user, and wherein the user can select any one of the plural messages for associating with a particular recipient in the set of potential gift recipients.

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6. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein plural messages are displayed at the client machine, any one of which is associable with a particular recipient in the set of potential gift recipients.
7. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the selection form further includes the at least one message which the user is enabled to associate with the potential gift recipient.
8. (Original) The method as in claim 2, wherein the association of gift items with potential gift recipients is made by selecting a radio button which is displayed at the client machine.
9. (Original) The method as in claim 2, wherein the association of gift items with potential gift recipients is made by selecting a checkbox which is displayed at the client machine.
10. (Original) The method of claim 2, including the additional step, once the set of intended gift recipients has been defined, of presenting at the client machine a shipping form which is automatically populated with the names and shipping information for each of the intended gift recipients, the shipping information including an address which is retrieved from the address book.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10, including the additional step of providing the names and shipping information of the intended gift recipients to the host server.
12. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the shipping information for at least one of the intended gift recipients is populated in the shipping form free of manual entry by the user.
13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein, prior to the retrieving step, a user provides permission to access the address book.

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e) enabling the user to associate names in the set of potential gift recipients with gifts in the set of gift items by interacting with one or more selection cells to thereby define a set of intended gift recipients.

19. (Original) The method as in claim 18, including the additional step of providing the set of intended gift recipients to the host server free of manual entry of the names of the intended gift recipients.

20. (Original) The method as in claim 18, wherein the interaction with the selection cells comprises selecting a radio button.

21. (Original) The method as in claim 18, wherein the interaction with the selection cells comprises selecting a check box.

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